[26th August 1926

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 2274.

Repair of breaches on the banks of the Conolly canal.

* 2335 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that, by reason of their not repairing the banks of the Conolly canal which connects the *Keranallur* river with the *Poorapparamba* river in *Ullanam* amsam, Ernad taluk, Malabar district, the adjacent cultivable lands are often rendered waste; and

(*b*) whether the owners of such lands are obliged to repair the breaches on the banks of the canal at their own cost to protect those lands?

A.—The Government have received no representation from the owners of the lands.

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Having regard to the importance of the subject and to the fact that it affects both the Government and the people, may I know whether the Government have any intention of calling for information on this subject from the District Collector?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"On a representation received from the Railway Company regarding the effect of floods on their line, certain proposals have been made and they include provision for the protection of the cultivable lands referred to in the question. These proposals have been referred to the Collector and the Chief Engineer for Irrigation and their reports are awaited."

Government Press.

Acting head examiner of the Government Branch Press, Mount Road.

* 2336 *Q.*—Mr. R. MADANAGOPAL NAYUDU: With reference to question No. 948 answered at the meeting of the 16th October 1924 regarding the appointment of an outsider aged 40 on Rs. 100—5—150 as acting head examiner of the Government Branch Press at Mount Road, Madras, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that he is still acting in the permanent vacancy of Rs. 100—5—150 and has not yet passed the prescribed technical examination, "Proof-reading in the Higher grade," essential for holding the post;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Superintendent, Government Press, approached the Government for exempting him from the technical examination and the Government declined to do so; and

(*c*) if the answer to clause (*a*) is in the affirmative, how the Superintendent, Government Press, can keep an aged and unqualified man still in the service?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The individual has been allowed to continue to act in the appointment and directed to appear for the prescribed examination in December.